



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **My Happy Mind**

We are continuing with the My Happy Mind programme this year and the children have already begun with the 'Meet Your Brain' module. My Happy Mind focuses on helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing skills and habits for positive mental health and wellbeing.



If you have not already downloaded the **My Happy Mind parent app**, please use this QR code to do so. The authentication code is **115085**. The Parent App will help you to understand what your child is learning and has lots of activities for you to do together at home as well as a Kids Zone featuring My Happy Mind games plus much more!

This week, the children (Year One upwards) brought home an application form for the position of **Happiness Hero**. Happiness Heroes are My Happy Mind Ambassadors who will lead the way by encouraging others and reminding them to practise techniques such as Happy Breathing. If your child would like to apply for the role, please return their application form by Friday 26th September.

### **Reminder: Pro-Strike Fundraising Event**

The Pro-Strike fundraising event takes place next Friday 26th September. Please support your child to raise funds through sponsorship from friends and family. All sponsorship money should be paid online using [this link](#) by 28th September. You will find a QR code on the letter sent home earlier this week.

Thank you for your support with this fundraising event. I'm sure the children will have lots of fun!



### **Spotlight on Inclusion and Trauma-Informed Practice**

We are proud to be an inclusive school, supporting children with a wide range of strengths, challenges and needs. I am pleased to see that inclusion has been given a high profile in the new Ofsted framework and is a hot topic in the media as we await news on the Government's SEND and Curriculum reforms.

We are also committed to a relational, trauma-informed approach to supporting children's behaviour, as detailed in the Relationships and Behaviour Policy shared with you every year alongside the Home School Agreement. We are keen to help you to understand the principles and practices which underpin this approach so will be sharing bite-sized information each week via the newsletter.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
**Mrs Keitch**

**We believe that all behaviour is a form of communication. We always work alongside children, and their families, to work out what lies behind the presenting behaviour so the we can support them to feel safe and manage their emotions. As a small school, we are able to get to know each child as an individual and work hard to tailor our support so it is most effective for their needs.**

# Explorers

Our Reception children have made a fantastic start to school, settling into new routines, playing, learning and making new friends. They have been spending time exploring the indoor and outdoor areas, and all the resources on offer. The Year 1 children in the class have been excellent role models, setting a great example for behaviour and learning.

We have been spending the first few weeks with a focus on Communication and Language, and developing our fine motor skills, while we carry out our initial assessments.

Here are some photographs of the learning opportunities that Explorers have enjoyed so far...



## Harvest Donations

### Deadline: Thursday 2nd October

This year we are once again collecting Harvest donations for the local Foodbank. Please bring donations to the School Office, or via the classrooms, by Thursday 2nd October.

#### **Urgently needed food items**

tinned fruit  
tinned & packet custard  
Longlife Milk  
UHT Fruit Juice  
Instant Mash  
tinned sponge puddings  
small jar/packet instant coffee  
hot chocolate powder

#### **We've got plenty of**

baked beans  
soup  
pasta  
rice  
cereal

### Online Safety

Please see below information and guidance from the Children's Society regarding children's use of chatbots. You can find lots of useful information, links and guidance on the [Online Safety page](#) of our school website.



#### **Chatbots and Children - The Children's Society**

The social media sphere has recently gained a new tool in their battle for youth engagement - the chatbot. Chat bots are not particularly new, but the sophistication of their governing algorithms is. These applications are designed to keep people engaged with artificially generated responses. Responses formulated based on the information the user puts into them. This can create a self-reinforcing effect, where the chatbot continually increases the user's convictions in the truth of their own inputs. False information, reinforcement of poor choices and self-manipulation are common issues with this emerging software. The Children's Society has recently published an article on the issue which you can find here:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/chatbots-and-children>

### Well done, boys!

Well done to Lucas, Oliver, Alexander and Harry, who received medals for their commitment and hard work throughout the summer cricket season.





## Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Friday 26th September	Pro-Strike Sponsored Fundraising event
Friday 3rd October 2.15pm	Harvest Festival at St George's Church (parents invited)
Tuesday 21st October	Flu immunisations - you will be contacted directly by the NHS regarding permissions
Friday 17th—Friday 24th October	Book Fair in school (after school)
Monday 20th October and Thursday 23rd October	Parent Consultations - we will let you know when booking opens!
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Half term
Week Beginning Monday 3rd November	St George's Book Week
Wednesday 5th October	Individual and sibling photographs - details to follow
Friday 14th November	Children in Need Day - details to follow
Thursday 4th December 2.00pm	Reception Christmas Singalong - details to follow
Friday 5th December	Whole School trip to Pantomime (Gt Bromley Village Hall) - details to follow
Friday 5th December (after school)	Christmas Fair
Thursday 11th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performances (10.00am and 6.00pm) - details to follow
Monday 15th December	Christmas Dinner Day—details to follow Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 17th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church - parents invited
Friday 19th December	Last day of term
Monday 5th January 2024	First day of term for children